

Public Notice: September 16, 2016 Solicitation for Special Community Mobility Projects Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council Due date is Monday, October 31, 2016

The Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council (<u>ITCTC</u>) gives notice it is soliciting proposals or ideas from agencies, service providers and members of the public for improving transportation services for people with low income, seniors or people with disabilities in Tompkins County as part of the Coordinated Human Services-Transportation Plan.

Tompkins County and TCAT agreed that a portion of FTA Section 5307 Urban Formula Program funding would be set aside for Special Community Mobility projects. Further, unused funds from prior grants are available to be reprogrammed as well

An amount from \$90,000 to \$100,000 is available. A local match from 10% - 50%, is required depending upon type of project. The following projects are eligible for funding:

- 1. Mobility Management (10% local match)
- 2. Operating Assistance (50% local match)
- 3. Capital (10% local match)
- 4. Planning (10% local match)

This solicitation is for projects to be continued or implemented in 2017. Former recipients need to re-apply for 2017.

The purpose of this notice is to identify projects which best fulfill the service objectives in the Coordinated Transportation Plan. Projects must be approved by the ITCTC in order to be eligible for Federal funding.

Further, Tompkins County will determine if an additional procurement action (e.g. a request for proposal process) is necessary to select a contractor to implement a project.

Call Dwight Mengel at 607-274-5605 for more information and technical assistance before October 18, 2016.

Proposal submissions are due on Oct 31, 2016 by 4 pm, at the <u>ITCTC</u>, 121 E. Court St., Ithaca, NY 14850. Call Fernando de Aragón at 607-274-5570 for questions about submitting proposals and the evaluation process. Proposals may be submitted using <u>email</u> (<u>fdearagon@tompkins-co.org</u>). Additional information can be found at: <u>www.tccoordinatedplan.org/special-community-mobility-projects.html</u>.

Proposals will be evaluated using the following <u>criteria</u> (summarized below):

- Project Approach: Effectiveness of serving target populations, Performance Measures, meeting eligibility requirements for FTA programs (30 Points)
- Implementation Plan (20 Points)
- Project Budget (20 Points)
- Program Outreach (15 Points)
- Compliance with Federal requirements. (100% Assurance)

The Coordinated Plan Committee will evaluate proposals which will be forwarded to a County-TCAT Work Group, which will refer recommendations to ITCTC. The ITCTC will approve an amendment to the Coordinated Plan of projects eligible to receive FTA funding in 2017.